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Dear parents/carers

**Diary date**

To give you some advance notice, our Easter service will be on Monday 30th March at 11am in the church. This will be a short service, followed by refreshments in the church centre. A reminder will be sent nearer the time.

**Garden project**

As you are aware, we have big plans for our outdoor space and phase one started a couple of weeks ago. Our sincere thanks go to all who came along and worked so hard on the day, preparing the allotment and paving the new home for our playhouses, as well as general clearing and tidying. If you are free, we would love to see you on 29th Feb from 9am until midday. We have a skip that needs filling and some more clearing and tidying.

Thank you to Gardenscape, (and Mr O’Gorman) for the generous donation of topsoil and sand and to Alsford Timber, (and Mr Fisher) for their generosity and help too. We are also grateful for the support of ‘Communigrow’ in giving advice about our allotment and offering to prune our apple tree and for Sue, the Community Warden, for her help with our project. It is great to get the whole community involved!

**Weekly challenge**

We would like to ask all parents and carers if you could help us by supporting your child with a weekly challenge at home. To go alongside what we are focusing on each week, or each term, we will ask if you could help your child to carry out simple tasks at home or when you are out and about, such as looking out for numbers on road signs and houses or learning a new nursery rhyme. We will post the weekly challenge on our Facebook page and website and outside notice board and would love to hear about how the children are getting on or see photos of what they find!

**Facebook group, Website and Email**

Just a reminder that we have a closed Facebook group. Search for Ditton Church Pre-School and request to join. If you have a different surname to your child please include a message with your child’s name, as we currently have a couple of requests to join from names we don’t recognise. If these are family members, please let us know so we can accept their requests. The group is for parents/ carers of current attendees only, staff and committee members.

We are still working hard to get to the bottom of the problem we have had with not everyone receiving our emails, or them going into your junk box. We hope to be using a system that will eliminate this soon! Please see attached a questionnaire we would be grateful if you could complete and return regarding our website.

Wendy Caldicott, Pre-School Supervisor

**Website questionnaire**

About a year ago we sent home a questionnaire asking parents how they prefer to receive information (website, Facebook, emails etc). The majority of parents said Facebook and so we created our closed Facebook group. However, we are aware that not everyone uses social media and are therefore building a brand new website, which we hope will be more attractive, user friendly and easy to scroll through on a phone. While we are at the planning/building stage we would be grateful to know what kind of information you would find useful on our website and what you would most likely search for on there.

Currently our website includes contact details, curriculum information, term dates, staff and committee info, safeguarding links, photos, fees and registration details, policies, staff vacancies and recent information, such as our garden project.

1. What are you most likely to search for on our website?

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1. Out of the things listed above that are on our current website, please put them in order of importance

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1. What else would you find useful on our website?

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1. Are you more likely to use our new website if it is easier to navigate and easily accessible on your phone?

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Name: ……………………………………………………….

Any other comments?